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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PATENT

Applicant : Gopal ) Group Art Unit: 1636  
Reissue Appl. : 09/404,979 )  
Filed : September 22, 1999 ) Request for Continued  
For : PEPTIDE-MEDIATED ) Examination  
GENE TRANSFER ) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  
Examiner: McKelvey, T. )

OFFICIAL

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action of September 10, 2003 for which the three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 10, 2003. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time and submits a check herewith to cover the appropriate fees. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicant submits this Request for Continued Examination and related Amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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